

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

JOHNATHAN LACY, *et al.*, )  
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*Plaintiffs,* )  
) No. 14 CV 6259  
-vs- )  
) Judge Gettleman  
SHERIFF OF COOK COUNTY and )  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, )  
)  
*Defendants.* )

**PLAINTIFFS' STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's order of September 27, 2018, ECF No. 451, the plaintiffs submit the following status report concerning outstanding issues relating to the Rule 23(b)(2) class and the claims of the individual plaintiffs.<sup>1</sup>

1. A current list of class members.
2. Status of the Leighton ADA construction as memorialized in the Court's Memorandum Opinion and Order dated October 8, 2015, ECF No. 203 at 19-20, including \$8.3 million in funding for ADA renovations to the Leighton courthouse holding cells as part of its 2015 budget. At the time of the hearings, Michael Gumm, the ADA Compliance Project Director, repre-

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs' counsel reached out to defendants on October 16, 2018 to schedule a conferral regarding this status report. The following day, the lead attorney for defendants requested plaintiffs to propose a draft status report. Plaintiffs provided a status report to defendants on October 18, 2018. Counsel for defendants, however, were unable to provide feedback on the status report and indicated that they will file a motion for additional time to submit the report.

sented that construction would be completed in three phases over three years. Construction has not commenced on this project.

3. Plaintiffs' counsel has reason to believe that wheelchair users who attend court at Leighton continue to be held in holding cells adjacent to courtroom while on trial and are not provided reasonable accommodations to toilet.

4. It is unclear whether Sheriff's employees provide assistance to wheelchair users who attend court at Leighton going up and down the lower level ramps. Plaintiffs request a video audit covering one month when class members move up and down the ramps.

5. It is unclear whether the Sheriff is providing reasonable accommodations for wheelchair users attending each of the suburban courthouses (Skokie, Rolling Meadows, Maywood, Bridgeview, and Markham). According to an ADA Status Report from Cook County in March 2017, "additional work" needs to be done to assist individuals with disabilities to comply with the ADA for the holding cells and conference rooms on the 1st and 2nd floor of each suburban courthouse. Plaintiff is not aware of any further improvements done to these facilities.

6. Compliance with Court's supplemental permanent injunction over renovations for two Maywood courthouses affirmed by the Seventh Circuit on July 30, 2018. *Lacy v. Cook County*, 897 F.3d 847, 867-69 (7th Cir. 2018)

7. A trial date for each of the named plaintiffs needs to be set.

Respectfully submitted,

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